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SUBJ: IPU CONFERENCE: PRG ISSUE

1. AT IPU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING APRIL 15 SOVIET REP UNEXPECTEDLY PROPOSED THAT, SINCE THERE ARE "TWO GOVERNMENTS" IN SOUTH VIETNAM, IPU SYG STUDY THIS SITUATION WITH REFERENCE TO ARTICLE 3 OF IPU STATUTES. ROMANIAN REP CONCURRED AND PROPOSED SOUTH VIETNAMESE REPRESENTATION BE SUSPENDED IN THE MEANTIME. USSR THEN ENDORSED ROMANIAN PROPOSAL.

2. US REP (DERWINSKI) STATED SUCH PROPOSALS WOULD SET DANGEROUS PRECEDENT FOR IPU, WOULD DAMAGE AND INJECT CONFUSION INTO ITS TRADITIONAL AND ORDERLY PROCEDURES. RVN NATIONAL GROUP HAD SUBMITTED ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION AT TIME IT REQUESTED AFFILIATION, AND HAD BEEN APPROVED FOR MEMBERSHIP. DERWINSKI STRESSED US VIEW THAT RVN SOLE LEGAL GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM, THAT PRG HAS NO PARLIAMENT, INDEED NO ATTRIBUTES OF A GOVERNMENT. PRG IS A REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT WITHIN SOUTH VIETNAM; MANY COUNTRIES HAVE SIMILAR SITUATIONS AND IPU MIGHT ENCOUNTER NO END OF CHALLENGES TO PROPERLY-CONSTITUTED PARLIAMENTS SHOULD PRECEDENT BE SET.

3. IN COURSE OF LENGTHY DEBATE MEXICAN, SWISS, BELGIAN AND
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AUSTRALIAN REPS SPOKE AGAINST SUSPENSION OF RVN BUT AGREED SYG

SHOULD EXAMINE SITUATION. MEXICAN COMMENTED THAT, IF PRG WISHED ADMISSION TO IPU, IT SHOULD APPLY. JAPANESE WERE SILENT. EGYPTIAN REP SAID SITUATION IS UNIQUE; THERE ARE TWO GOVERNMENTS IN THE ONE STATE OF SOUTH VIETNAM AND, THOUGH PRG IS A REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT, IT HAD BEEN RECOGNIZED BY "TWO SUPERPOWERS" AT PARIS PEACE CONFERENCE. PRG WAS FACT OF LIFE AND COULD NOT BE IGNORED. DERWINSKI, REBUTTING, MADE CLEAR US CONSIDERS RVN ONLY LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM. PARIS AGREEMENT HAD NOT RPT NOT ALTERED THIS FACT OR US VIEW OF PRG IN SLIGHTEST.

4. AGREEMENT WAS REACHED WITHOUT VOTE ON SWISS SUGGESTION THAT

SYG STUDY MATTER AND REPORT TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AT OCTOBER MEETING IN TOKYO. IT WAS ALSO AGREED, AT ROMANIA'S SUGGESTION, THAT IPU COUNCIL BE INFORMED APRIL 19 THAT MATTER IS UNDER STUDY. SUSPENSION OF RVN REPRESENTATION NOT RPT NOT INCLUDED IN AGREEMENT.

5. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE OUTCOME WAS BEST WE COULD EXPECT, PARTICULARLY AFTER MUDDYING EFFECT OF EGYPTIAN INTERVENTION. SWISS AND AUSTRALIANS, WITH WHOM WE CONFERRED AFTERWARD, SHARE OUR VIEW. EGYPTIAN REP TOLD DERWINSKI AT LUNCHEON IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARD THAT HE FELT HE HAD TO EXPRESS AGREEMENT WITH SOVIETS SINCE HIS GOVERNMENT "IS GIVING MOSCOW SO MANY PROBLEMS THESE DAYS."

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